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ANTIGENIC HIV TYPE C POLYPEPTIDE,
POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

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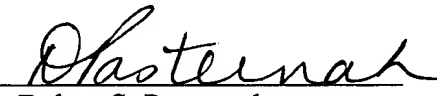
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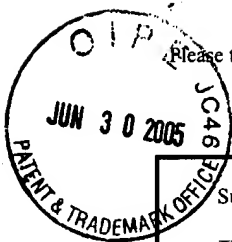
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